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Performance Evaluation of the Trinity County Agricultural Commissioner Pesticide Use Enforcement Program

This report provides a performance evaluation of Trinity County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC's) pesticide use enforcement (PUE) program for the fiscal year (FY) 2006/2007. The assessment evaluates the performance of goals identified in the CAC's enforcement work plan as well as the program's adherence to Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) standards as described in the Pesticide Use Enforcement Standards Compendium.

I. Summary Report of Core Program

A) Restricted Materials Permitting:

The restricted materials permitting program element was found to *meet* DPR standards and work plan goals.

B) Compliance Monitoring:

The compliance monitoring program element was found to *meet* DPR standards and work plan goals.

C) Enforcement Response:

The enforcement response program element was found to *meet* DPR standards and work plan goals.

Summary Statement:

No deficiencies have been identified in the Trinity CAC's pesticide use program. Trinity CAC's program is currently effective at delivering the local enforcement program of the state.

II. Assessment of Core Program Effectiveness and Work Plan Goals

A) Restricted Materials Permitting

1) Permit Issuance

The Trinity CAC permit issuance procedures and performance were evaluated through interviews of staff and found to conform to DPR standards and expectations. The County Agricultural Commissioner issues all permits and determines that permits are:

- Issued only to qualified applicants;
- Signed by authorized persons;
- Issued for time periods allowed by law.

2) Site Evaluation

The Trinity CAC site evaluation procedures were evaluated through interviews of staff and found to conform to DPR standards and expectations. The CAC issued 10 multi-year Restricted Materials Permits

and 36 Operator Identification numbers. The CAC adequately evaluated and determined if feasible alternatives were available.

The Trinity CAC is very experienced and well-trained and uses his knowledge of crops and cultural practices to effectively mitigate potential hazards.

B) Compliance Monitoring:

1) Inspections:

The Trinity CAC permit inspections procedures and performance were evaluated through interviews of staff and found to meet DPR standards and expectations.

2) Investigations:

The Trinity CAC investigates all complaints and completes inspection reports in a timely manner. The CAC notifies DPR and other agencies as required.

C) Enforcement Response:

The Trinity CAC enforcement response was evaluated through interviews of staff and found to conform to DPR standards and expectations. The CAC's enforcement response was found to:

- Initiate appropriate actions when violations were identified;
- Sufficiently support compliance; and
- Adequately protect the public and environment.

III. Recommended Corrective Actions

No corrective actions have been identified at this time.

IV. Non-Core and Desirable Activities

Desirable activities include increased outreach to the structural pest control community.